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the head of the Department alone and not the Minister? Will not the Hon. Minister take cognizance of this appeal?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"I may tell the hon. Member that the Minister is certainly competent to take cognizance of the appeal. But if he wants expeditious remedy, it is better to approach the Chief Engineer, and the hon. Member should realize that the Minister himself cannot do anything without consulting the Chief Engineer."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—"May I know how many acres have been benefited by this supply of water?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—"May I know what steps the Government will take to supply water, as the tail-end mirasdars are suffering due to insufficiency of water?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"A separate question may be put."

Government Bus Service in Madras City.

* 99 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what the net profit out of the Government Bus Transport Service in Madras City was in 1951–52?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"A statement showing the actual net profit for the year 1951–52 will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as the accounts for that year have been audited, which has not yet been completed. But roughly, I can say that the profit for 1951–52 for the Government bus service was Rs. 10 lakhs, for the Government Automobile Workshop Rs. 2 lakhs and for the Government Coach Building Factory Rs. 1 lakh."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—"In view of the fact that the concern is a profitable one, will the Government try to provide more conveniences to the public by having more buses during rush hours and also extending the service to the surrounding districts?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"The profits this year have been extraordinarily good. In previous years, they have not been very good. The running of extra shuttle services to relieve the congestion of passengers will always be considered. The Government have no intention of extending nationalization to the mufassal."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"As the Hon. Minister has told us that this year they have got extraordinarily good profits, will the Government consider paying bonus to the workers?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"The question of bonus will have to be considered as a separate issue and not on the question of having made extraordinarily good profits this year."

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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" I am putting the question only on the basis of the extra profits earned this year. The Hon. Minister admits it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that the Madras Bus Transport System has made very good profits this year, will the Hon. Minister consider the possibility of increasing the service to places within the City limits like Kodambakkam, Adyar, etc., because the people there are suffering for want of more buses? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment, we do run some special buses to Tirupati, Mahabalipuram, Kancheepuram, etc., but the question of running them to places like Kodambakkam depends on the number of passengers that will utilize this bus service. If the hon. Member feels that there will be sufficient number of passengers to utilize this service, I shall certainly consider that request."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government consider ploughing back part of the profit into the service by improving the conveniences for the passengers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is the duty of the Government to provide all conveniences to passengers. But whether it is correct to offer back the profit to the public—in what shape the hon. Member did not say—will have to be considered separately."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" I did say that it might be offered back to the public in the form of conveniences in travelling. Buses are not convenient and good. They are shaky and rickety."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Gentleman will admit that the Madras Bus Service is a hundred times better than other services."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Will the Government consider fulfilling the promise made at the time of nationalising the Madras Bus Transport Service, to share the profits earned with the Corporation of Madras? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of any such promise having been made. But if hon. Gentleman will tell me the date on which that was made, I shall look into it."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI :—" May I know what is the expenditure incurred on labour in proportion to the total income derived? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

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SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the profit of Rs. 10 lakhs estimated for the year 1951–52 takes into account the interest on the capital invested in the undertaking? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The net profit is generally calculated after all appropriations including interest on the capital and depreciation are taken into account. That is why I said the auditors had not completed their task and I was not able to give the actual figures."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister stated that the question of payment of bonus would have to be considered separately from the profits earned. Do the Government accept the principle that bonus is deferred payment and, therefore, it has got to be considered irrespective of profits? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid the hon. Gentleman has misunderstood my answer. I am aware of the fact that bonus is always linked with profit but what has been the custom so far and whether in view of extra profits, bonus will have to be increased, are matters for investigation."

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether any new buses have been purchased during the year 1951–52 and if so, how many? Were any tenders called for for the same? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I ask whether the Government will extend the scheme in view of the fact that they have made a profit of more than Rs. 10 lakhs last year? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to know to which place the hon. Gentleman wants the scheme to be extended."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" To the surrounding districts? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment, a few buses are running to surrounding areas like Kodambakkam, Perambur and Aiyanavaram."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister think of increasing the frequency of buses on roads leading to the Women and Children's Hospital and the Connemara Library? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In view of the hon. Member's request, I shall certainly consider it."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister in charge of Bus Transport has been a Corporation Councillor for 24 years. He was also the Mayor of the Corporation once. Still he makes the House understand that Kodambakkam is a mufassal place. It is included within the limits of the City of Madras. I have been asking him to increase the bus service to Kodambakkam locality which is a part of the City of Madras. Will the Hon. Minister consider the possibility of running more buses to that locality? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Even now I think buses are running to Palani Andavar temple and to Kodambakkam. If the hon. Gentleman thinks that they are not enough and wants more buses, that is another matter."

11-15 a.m. SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" On a point of order, Sir, the Hon. Speaker is not looking this side at all. So, many of us are not able to get a chance for putting questions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am looking on all sides of the House. In fact, many hon. Members from that side have put questions."

Disputes between landlords and tenants in Sirkali taluk regarding removal of paddy from the threshing floors.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to the Government through District Officials that a large number of bags of paddy are lying on threshing floors (kalams) in many villages of Sirkali taluk, Tanjore district, due to dispute among mirasdars, waramdars and pannai labourers; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have not received any representation through District Officials. In May 1952, certain M.L.As. represented to the Government that owing to disputes between landlords and tenants, a large quantity of paddy was lying idle on threshing floors in some of the villages of Sirkali taluk and that an urgent directive to settle the disputes might be issued to the authorities concerned. From reports obtained from the Collector on the matter, it is observed that in all but one out of the seven cases, the disputes have been amicably settled through the efforts of the district revenue officials and that the entire paddy has been measured and removed from the threshing floors. Government have asked the Collector to continue his efforts for a settlement in the remaining case also."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that on account of these disputes, a number of persons have been evicted from their lands and houses and if so, may I know what action they propose to take in this matter? "